



Mrs. Jo Ann Hancock

August 14, 1936 - February 8, 2026

Funeral services for Jo Ann Langford Hancock, 89, of Carthage, Texas will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker and Rev. Anderson Morris officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Bethel Cemetery in Gary, Texas, under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Jo Ann Langford Hancock was born on August 14, 1936, in the Buncombe Community and passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on February 8, 2026. She is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior and reunited with the one she dearly loved for 62 earthly years, her husband, Calvin. Jo Ann was one of two children born to the late Buford Langford and Emma Cecil Ritter Langford. She attended Buncombe School grades 1-5. She graduated from Carthage High School with the class of 1954. She attended Panola College and then furthered her education at Stephen F. Austin University graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor's in Education.

She married Rev. Joseph Calvin Hancock on December 27, 1956. He preceded her in death on January 18, 2018. Her greatest joy was serving as a devoted pastor's wife throughout the ministry of her husband. They made lasting and lifelong friendships throughout their ministry at churches in the state of Texas. She loved teaching Sunday School, serving in children's ministry, and faithfully filled any role needed in the churches where Calvin pastored.

Jo Ann also enjoyed a career as a teacher for 34 years. She developed deep relationships with her students who remember her fondly as their first-grade teacher and her gift for teaching lessons through life stories. She taught at Carthage Primary in Carthage ISD for 21 years and made lasting friendships with her co-workers who were like family.

Until her health began to fail, Jo Ann was an active member of the church where she held membership even after Calvin passed. She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church in Gary, Texas, a church for which she had a deep love and devotion. She believed strongly in the importance of God's Word and His church. She always treasured the opportunity to be in God's house with God's people.

Jo Ann is survived by a loving and devoted family. Daughters, Janet Humber and husband Greg of Carthage, Texas, Donna Williams and husband John of Avery, Texas, Marian Ewald and husband Todd of Wapakoneta, Ohio. Son, David Hancock and wife Renee of Georgetown, Texas. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren who called her "Mamaw" and gave her great joy.

Grandchildren, Trey Williams and wife Norrisa, Philip Humber and wife Kristan, Molly Minter and husband John, Jacob Rushton, and Brooks Hancock. Great grandchildren, Lydia Williams, Haddie Williams, Hank Minter, John Humber, and Oce Minter. She is also survived by her dear sister, Jeanette and husband Troy Lake of Gary, Texas. In addition to her immediate family, she is survived and loved by many in-laws from Calvin's family, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

The family would like to express appreciation to those who became like family in providing care for Jo Ann when she needed assistance – the entire staff and residents at Winkler Court, Accent Care Hospice, and caregivers, Vicki Alexander and Judy Foster.

Serving as pallbearers are Steve Strain, Dwain Lake, Trey Williams, John Minter, Philip Humber, Jacob Rushton, and Brooks Hancock.

Jo Ann truly exemplified one of her favorite verses in how she lived every day of her life, "This is the day the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in

it." Psalm 118: 24.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, Gary, Texas, or Mt. Bethel Cemetery Gary, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W
Gary, TX 75643

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Jo Ann Hancock



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 11 at 05:16 PM

DJ

I don't even know where to begin. There are so many wonderful things to say about her. My mother and I lived by her for a short while. My mother typically stayed to herself all of my life, but when Mrs. Hancock would be out on her walk my mother would hurry to get to visit with her on the porch. I could hear them tell stories of when they grew up and I'd hear them both laughing like young girls. She was an amazing woman. Always thinking of others and helping in any way she could. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that she's in heaven reaping what she sowed. God bless all of her family and friends. She will be missed.

Donna Jamison - February 11 at 07:27 PM

DG

“ Jo Ann was one of the finest Christian ladies I have ever known. She always had a smile on her face and was always cordial to everyone. You have so many wonderful memories to cherish. God bless you! She is at peace with her Lord. Debra Griffith



Debra Griffith - February 12 at 02:07 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jo Ann Hancock.*



February 11 at 08:12 AM



“ *Philip, Kristan, & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jo Ann Hancock.*

Philip, Kristan, & John - February 11 at 08:12 AM



“ *My prayers are with the Hancock family. Bro Hancock and Mrs. Hancock served at Brooks Chapel Church in my early teens. They have always had a special place in my life and my family. I am very thankful to have known them. Mrs. Hancock was a sweet Christian lady. Barbara Waldrop Hargraves*

Barbara Hargraves - February 10 at 06:26 PM



“ *I am so thankful God put our two families together many years ago. In fact at one time I believed we were actually related. Your mom always had kind words, and her beautiful laugh no matter when I saw her. You all have my deepest sympathy. I love you all. Paula Hunt Sweeney*

Paula Sweeney - February 10 at 04:36 PM

SM

“ *Shirley and Jeff McKenzie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jo Ann Hancock.*



Shirley and Jeff McKenzie - February 10 at 03:40 PM